**Chapter 24 Reading Questions American Pageant**

Use lots of **proper nouns** to respond to the questions from the chapter.

1. Explain how government subsidies for transportation and communication systems opened new markets in North America after the Civil War.
2. List the environmental impacts of the transcontinental railroads. (Bullet points okay)
3. Explain how technological innovations and redesigned business structures such as monopolies sought to maximize the use of natural resources and a growing labor force.
4. Explain how business leaders used theories such as Social Darwinism to defend the wealth and privilege they attained by consolidating corporations into trusts and holding companies.
5. Explain how the industrial workforce expanded through immigration and internal migration, leading to a more diverse workforce, lower wages, and an increase in child labor.
6. Explain examples of the battles between labor and management for control over wages and working conditions. Be sure to include a discussion of the organization of local and national labor unions to confront corporate power.
7. Explain why agrarian sharecropping and tenant farming systems continued to dominate the southern economy, even though some segments of the southern economy managed to industrialize.